

EE/CAA Newsletter



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Open Enrollment is Here!

This year's Open Enrollment (OE) period is from April 15th to May 31st, 2004. Open enrollment packages have already begun to be mailed out to Healthy Families participants. During this period families can request a change of insurance plan for any reason. Changes requested during open enrollment take effect on July 1st, 2004. All applicants

should have received OE notification in their April billing Statement. A pre-printed OE packet will be sent to all families active in HFP. Plan availability is based on the county and zip code of residence. Available plans can be found in the OE packet's "Personal Fact-sheet".

If you have any questions about open enrollment please contact the EE/CAA liaisons at the toll free number 1-800-279-5012 or email them at ee-caaliaison@maximus.com



We do it for the kids

Access for Infants and Mothers (AIM)

Starting on July 1st, 2004, administration of the AIM program will be transferred from Care 1st to MAXIMUS, the current administrator of the Healthy Families Program.

The AIM program eligibility requirements are:

1. California resident for at least six continuous months prior to application

2. Family income between 200% and 300% of the federal income guidelines
3. Not a no-cost Medi-Cal or Medicare Part A & B beneficiary at the time of application
4. An applicant may have private insurance if the insurance does not cover maternity care or if there is a separate deductible or co-pay over \$500 for

maternity services.

5. Not over 30 weeks pregnant at the time a complete application is received

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We Need Your Help to Stop Missing Information

The number one cause for delays in the processing of Healthy Families applications is missing information.



What should only take a few days may become much more due to missing information. We are asking you as EE's and CAA's to help us by ensuring that applications, with which you assist, are complete and have all the supporting documents attached. Information/documents

that are missing the most often are:

1. Supporting income documentation, such as a pay stub
2. Signature of applicant at the end of the application & the plan selection page
3. Premium payment for the first month's payment

Making sure that the application is complete and that all supporting material is included would go a long way in ensuring that a family's application will be processed in the least amount of time.

If you have any questions please contact the EE/CAA liaisons at the toll free number 1-800-279-5012 or email them at ee-caaliaison@maximus.com.



Hello, Is Anyone There?!?!?

Since January 1st, 2004, the phone center has experienced a large volume of calls. We have received much feedback from you and others in the community about the difficulty families are experiencing in trying to get through to a customer service representative.

We are aware of the issues and are doing all that we can to ensure ongoing customer service and accessibility.

We will be reviewing the IVR to provide better customer assistance and to minimize busy/wait time. Improvements should be in place this month.

We ask that you let families know that the busiest time for the call center is the first part of the week, Mondays and Tuesdays, and that this is the most difficult time to get through. Our lightest call volumes are later in the evening, between 5pm and 8pm, and

on Saturdays between 8am and 5pm. We recommend that program participants try to call at these times of lighter call volumes.

If you have any questions please contact the EE/CAA liaisons at the toll free number 1-800-279-5012 or email them at ee-caaliaison@maximus.com.

The best times for participants to call are evenings and Saturdays

Unsure of premium amount? Send \$9 to be safe.

New application processing is delayed when the application is submitted without the first month's premium or with a premium that is less than it should be. This can be due to oversight or perhaps the applicant is not sure what the premium will be. Such delays can also occur for telephone-initiated applications (a new feature wherein a completed application is

sent to the applicant and a check, signature and documentation is needed from the applicant to complete the application).

In these cases, HF recommends that a \$9 premium be initially sent for each child, regardless of the health plan chosen. In fact, the letter that HF will send to the applicant informing them

of the absent or insufficient premium will ask for \$9 per child.

If the actual premium turns out to be less than \$9, the difference will be credited to the next month's payment.



Team Member Profile

Each month we profile a member of the team to help personalize the HFP experience

Andrew (Andy) De la Rosa



"But my main interest", says Andy, "is my wife. We do everything together". Whale watching in Monterey, weekend trips to Lake Tahoe and a trip to Seattle with a ferry ride to Victoria, British Columbia are among the things Andy does with his partner. He is also setting up a surprise 4-day cruise off the coast of California for their 1st anniversary, but don't mention that to his wife.

"But my main interest is my wife. We do everything together"

Andy, 25, is one of the EE/CAA Liaisons. His friendly voice may be the first one you hear when you call the number at the bottom of page 4. Andy and his team provides EE's and CAA's with the training and guidance they need to help families complete a Healthy Families / Medi-Cal for Families application.

Andy joined Healthy Families last December. This is Andy's first exposure to the Health Care field. Prior to joining us, Andy

was a Member Service Representative for a premier financial institution.

Andy has lived in Sacramento, California all of his life and has been married for almost 1 year. His main hobby is fishing in local rivers, but he does make an annual pilgrimage to the San Francisco Bay where he fishes for halibut and striped bass. Another interest of Andy's is buying die-cast model cars and customizing them.



Reminder to EE's

EE's - do not forget to complete an ITP (Invitation To Participate) form to re-register through December 31, 2005. This needs to be

accomplished between February 1 and June 30, 2004.

If you were not sent an ITP form and you would like to

continue providing application assistance, the form can be downloaded from www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov..



AIM

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Look for changes to the AIM Program in the next newsletter.

If you have any questions about the AIM Program, please contact the EE/CAA liaisons at the toll free number 1-800-279-5012 or email them at

ee-caaliaison@maximus.com



“Thank you” to new CAA’s

Healthy Families wants to congratulate and thank the following new CAA’s, EE’s and HP Staff for their dedication to their communities:

CAA’s

Aguilar, Crystina
Alarcon, Caryn
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Alejandrino, Enrique
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Asuncion, Sherry
Avila, Monica
Bakhtiarova, Olga
Bargas, Maria
Bautista, Eddie
Baynham, Laura
Betts, Kendra
Beyer, Hillarie
Blair, Cheryl
Blood, Stephanie
Blythe, Brandi
Bonilla, Sandra
Borja, Jackeline
Bradley, Mirtza
Cajina, Vanessa
Campbell, Pam
Campos, Joel
Cannon, Tenaya
Carrion, Liza
Cash, Liz
Ceren, Romulo
Chang, Mary
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Coonrod, Anne
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Cruz, Crystal
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Dheming, Claudia
Dillon, Maureen
Drahmann, Rebecca
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Duenaz, Sandra
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Flores, Claudia
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Fuentes, Luz
Garcia, Lily
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Glossenger, Bessie
Gonzalez, Elvira
Gonzalez, Maribel
Gonzalez, Emerita
Gude, Tristan
Guerrero, Francisco
Guthrie, Michelle
Gutierrez, Juana
Hall, Lisette
Harris, Joanne
Havener, Mary
Hernandez, Alejandra
Hernandez, Rosa
Hernandez, Raquel
Hernandez, Alejandra
Hertz, Anne
Huber, Daniel
Huffman, Marta
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John, Karen
Johnson, Rod
Journet, Linda
Keloyan, Nabihah
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Lares, Maricela

Leal, Katherine
Leyva, Sandy
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Lopez, Ambrocia
Lopez, Guadalupe
Lopez, Sandra
Loredo, Maria
Lu, Judy
Macias, Natividad
Manicalco, Esther
Marroquin, Mirta
Maya, Carmen
Mayorga, Vicky
McCormack, Pat
McMacken, Ines
Mejia, Jonathan
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Mendez, Jennine
Mendoza, Donna
Meneses, Victor
Middleton, Kathy
Miranda, Susana
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Moody, Laurisa
Mora, Melva
Mueller, Mary
Munoz, Ramona
Olaiz, Poleth
Ortiz, Angelina
Pacheco, Karen
Padilla, Allegra
Pandero, Enrique
Paredes, Mark
Parra, Maria
Pelaez, Julie
Perez, Tonya
Pimentel, Sylvia
Pinto, Gloria
Porras, Deanna
Posadas, Rosie
Quezada, Martha
Quinliven, Shiela
Ramirez, Raquel
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Reveles, Olga
Reyes, Maria
Reyes, Janet
Rodriguez, Monica
Rodriguez, Elida
Rodriguez, Sandra
Rodriguez, Mirna
Romero, Maria
Ruano, Chela
Rucker, Rashelle
Rudisill, Barbara
Sanchez, Bernice
Sanchez, Janet
Secada, Hector
Sharkasi, Leila
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CAA Ref. Manual Available on-line

MRMIB has received a number of inquiries about when the “new” CAA Reference Manual will be available.

The updated document is currently available on the HF website www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov.

Want an update on something particular?

Email your ideas for articles or specific information to be included in a future newsletter to:

ee-caalialison@maximus.com

or phone-in your request to the number below.

Thank You

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EE/CAA Class Schedule (also available on the web)

May

3rd & 4th in Cerritos
6th & 7th in San Diego
20th and 21st in Alameda
24th & 25th in Santa Maria

June

1st & 2nd in Glendale
1st & 2nd in Redding
7th & 8th in Cerritos

Healthy Families Program and Medi-Cal for Families 2004 Income Guideline Chart

Effective April 1, 2004

Family Size	Child Age 0 to 1 or Pregnant Woman Medi-Cal	Child Age 0 to 1 Healthy Families	Child Age 1 thru 5 Medi-Cal	Child Age 1 thru 5 Healthy Families	Child Age 6 thru 18 Medi-Cal	Child Age 6 thru 18 Healthy Families
1	\$0 - \$1,552	\$1,553 - \$1,940	\$0 - \$1,032	\$1,033 - \$1,940	\$0 - \$776	\$777 - \$1,940
2	\$0 - \$2,082	\$2,083 - \$2,603	\$0 - \$1,385	\$1,386 - \$2,603	\$0 - \$1,041	\$1,042 - \$2,603
3	\$0 - \$2,612	\$2,613 - \$3,265	\$0 - \$1,737	\$1,738 - \$3,265	\$0 - \$1,306	\$1,307 - \$3,265
4	\$0 - \$3,142	\$3,143 - \$3,928	\$0 - \$2,090	\$2,091 - \$3,928	\$0 - \$1,571	\$1,572 - \$3,928
5	\$0 - \$3,672	\$3,673 - \$4,590	\$0 - \$2,442	\$2,443 - \$4,590	\$0 - \$1,836	\$1,837 - \$4,590
6	\$0 - \$4,202	\$4,203 - \$5,253	\$0 - \$2,795	\$2,796 - \$5,253	\$0 - \$2,101	\$2,102 - \$5,253
7	\$0 - \$4,732	\$4,733 - \$5,915	\$0 - \$3,147	\$3,148 - \$5,915	\$0 - \$2,366	\$2,367 - \$5,915
8	\$0 - \$5,262	\$5,263 - \$6,578	\$0 - \$3,499	\$3,500 - \$6,578	\$0 - \$2,631	\$2,632 - \$6,578
9	\$0 - \$5,792	\$5,793 - \$7,240	\$0 - \$3,852	\$3,853 - \$7,240	\$0 - \$2,896	\$2,897 - \$7,240
10	\$0 - \$6,322	\$6,323 - \$7,903	\$0 - \$4,204	\$4,205 - \$7,903	\$0 - \$3,161	\$3,162 - \$7,903

Add the following dollar amount for each additional family member

\$530	\$531 - \$663	\$353	\$354 - \$663	\$265	\$266 - \$663
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Healthy Families Program 2004 Premium Categories

Effective April 1, 2004

Family Size	Category A	Category B
1	\$777 - \$1,164	\$1,164.01 - \$1,940
2	\$1,042 - \$1,561	\$1,561.01 - \$2,603
3	\$1,307 - \$1,959	\$1,959.01 - \$3,265
4	\$1,572 - \$2,356	\$2,356.01 - \$3,928
5	\$1,837 - \$2,754	\$2,754.01 - \$4,590
6	\$2,102 - \$3,151	\$3,151.01 - \$5,253
7	\$2,367 - \$3,549	\$3,549.01 - \$5,915
8	\$2,632 - \$3,946	\$3,946.01 - \$6,578
9	\$2,897 - \$4,344	\$4,344.01 - \$7,240
10	\$3,162 - \$4,741	\$4,741.01 - \$7,903
Each Additional Family Member	\$266 - \$398	\$398.01 - \$663